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TAGS: PINT, PO

SUBJ: JOSE HARRY DE ALMEIDA ARAUJO

REF: (A) LONDON 2199 (NOTAL)

(B) LISBON 4362, OCT 9, 1974 (NOTAL)

(C) MADRID 6372, OCT 9, 1974 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES INFORMATION PROVIDED IN REF (A).  
BACKGROUND AND BIO INFO ON ARAUJO WERE PROVIDED IN REF (B)  
WHICH LONDON HAS. ADDITIONAL INFO FOLLOWS.

2. ARAUJO IS A RIGHTIST EXTREMIST. HE IS A WELL-TO-DO ARCHITECT,  
WHO WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF ILL-  
FATED SILENT MAJORITY DEMONSTRATION LEADING TO DOWNFALL  
OF PRESIDENT SPINOLA LAST SEP 30. A WARRANT DOES INDEED

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EXIST FOR HIS ARREST AS HE ALLEGES. HE IS KNOWN TO HAVE

SOUGHT TO PURCHASE ARMS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL BANKING CIRCLES  
IN THE PAST. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE PRESENT GOP OVERTHROWN.

3. ARAUJO FREQUENTLY APPEARS AT US EMBASSIES SEEKING TO  
OBTAIN USG ASSISTANCE FOR "ANTI-COMMUNIST" FORCES IN PORTUGAL.  
HE CONVEYED ESSENTIALLY SAME MESSAGE TO EMBASSY MADRID LAST  
OCTOBER AS THAT GIVEN TO EMBASSY LONDON. AT THAT TIME HE  
REGRETTED THAT IN HIS VIEW SITUATION IN PORTUGAL HAD TAKEN  
SHARP TURN TO LEFT, AND LABELLED PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES A  
"TRAITOR."

4. FOR SOME TIME NOW ARAUJO AND OTHER FAR RIGHTISTS HAVE  
TALKED ABOUT ESTABLISHING A CLANDESTINE OR OFFSHORE  
PIRATE RADIO STATION FROM WHICH TO BEAM PROGRAMS INTO PORTUGAL.  
SO FAR NOTHING CONCRETE HAS RESULTED FROM THIS; THE PROBLEM  
PROBABLY BEING LACK OF SKILLS AND EQUIPMENT, NOT MONEY.

5. COMMENT: ARAUJO HAS COMPLETELY DISCREDITED HIMSELF WITH  
LEGITIMATE PARTIES IN PORTUGAL, INCLUDING RIGHT WING GROUPS.  
HE IS PROBABLY CAPABLE OF EXTREMIST ACTION, INCLUDING ASSASSINATION,  
WHICH COULD LEAD TO DISASTEROUS RESULTS FOR MODERATE AND  
CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL FORCES IN PORTUGAL. IT IS POSSIBLE  
THAT HE TELLS HIS CONTACTS THAT HE HAS USG SYMPATHY AND  
SUPPORT IN ORDER TO COAX THEM INTO HELPING HIM. WITH THIS  
IN MIND, WE SUGGEST ADDRESSEES RECEIVE ARAUJO AT LOWEST LEVEL  
IF HE SEEKS MEETING.

6. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, WE RECOMMEND EMBASSIES ADOPT POSITION  
OF EMBASSY LONDON IN DISCOURAGING HIS QUEST FOR US BACKING.  
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